Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of coding and/or transmitting EPG (electronic program guide) data, the data comprising:

a plurality of ~~respective ones of multiple~~ program records, each program record identifying one program; ~~a respective one of multiple programs and specific ones of~~

a plurality of schedule records, each schedule record identifying one or more specific scheduled broadcast times of one program ~~the respective programs~~, wherein

the program records ~~(p1, p2, p3)~~ and the schedule records being (s11, s12, ... s1i, s21, s22, ...,s2i, s31, s32,...s3i) ~~are~~ coded and/or transmitted in an interleaved manner ~~(({p1, s11, s12,...s1i},{p2, s21, s22,...s2i},{p3, s31, s32, s3i,...}, ({s11, s12,...s1i , p1},{s21, s22,... s2i, p2},{s31, s32,... s3i, p3}))~~, such that two successive ~~ones of the~~ program records are separated by one ~~two~~ or more schedule records associated with ~~a particular~~ one of the two successive program records;

wherein each program record and its associated schedule records are received prior to the next program record being received; and~~[[,]]~~

once transmitted, at a receiving device comprising a processor and a memory, the EPG data is read, parsed and stored in the memory as it is being received before the complete reception of the data for the EPG is finished.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the interleaved program records and schedule records are sorted on a time basis.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that schedule records refer to program records that are ahead in the coding scheme ~~({p1, s11, s12,...s1i},{p2, s21, s22,...s2i},{p3, s31, s32, s3i,...})~~.

4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the interleaved program records and schedule records are coded in a section, which is separate and ahead in the coding scheme from other sections comprising information relating to the programs.

5.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the section, which comprises interleaved program records and schedule records, is preceded by a section comprising general information.

6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Previously Presented) A device comprising an encoder for coding EPG data comprising program records and schedule records in accordance with the method as claimed in claim 1.

8.   (Previously Presented) A receiving device (RC) comprising a decoder for decoding EPG data comprising program records and schedule records coded in accordance with the method as claimed in claim 1.

9.   (Cancelled)

10.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein upon storing in memory, substantially all stored EPG data is complete for both program records and schedule records.

11.   (New) A method for transmitting EPG (electronic program guide) data to a receiving device comprising:

transmitting EPG data comprising a plurality of program records and a plurality of schedule records in an interleaved manner, each of the plurality of program records identifying one program and each of the plurality of schedule records identifying one or more specific scheduled broadcast times of one program, wherein the program records and schedule records are interleaved such that two successive program records are separated by one or more schedule records associated with one of the two successive program records, and

receiving the EPG data at a receiving device comprising a processor and a memory, wherein each program record and its associated schedule records are received prior to the next program and its associated schedule records being received, wherein the EPG data for each program is read, parsed and stored in the memory as it is being received before the complete reception of all EPG data.